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Hi,

Here's EPA's response to your questions. By the way, I just noticed you copied Betsaida. She no longer works for EPA. She's at GSA headquarters. -- Terri

Our goal was to provide the Dimock community with complete and reliable information about the presence of contaminants in their drinking water and determine whether further action was warranted to protect public health. We have now completed sampling of 61 homes included in our assessment.

EPA's sampling between January and March 2012 did not indicate levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action. To provide certainty to residents and ensure a thorough and accurate analysis, EPA will resample the four wells where previous Cabot and state data showed levels of contaminants that pose a health concern but where EPA's initial round of sampling data did not detect levels that would require action. EPA is also following-up with 3 homeowners who expressed interest in initial sampling but have not yet scheduled a time for the sampling to take place.

Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality. Our actions will continue to be based on the best available science and legal authorities.

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I'll get back to you Neela. -- Terri

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Thanks, Roy and Terri.

So, what is the next step here? None of your tests have turned up evidence of contamination of Dimock's water. Yet people there insist their water is unusable. So, what options remain for these residents? Will EPA play any role in getting their situation further resolved?

Thanks  
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EPA has completed and shared with residents and Pennsylvania state officials the fourth set of sampling for 12 private drinking water wells in Dimock, Pa. This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action. At one well, EPA found an elevated level of methane and informed the resident, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency. Throughout EPA's work in Dimock, the Agency has used the best available scientific data to provide clarity to Dimock residents and address their concerns about the safety of their drinking water.

For more information on the sampling results, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/pa.html>

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